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## Unlike Biman

*Refreshing change clearly noticeable with new boss at the helm*

INAM AHMED and SHARIFUL ISLAM

If you have flown Biman of late, you are likely to notice a few things. Your flight, most probably, had departed on time. The on-flight service was better. And you might have a surprise welcome on arrival at Dhaka by the top Biman man.

Biman, in the last one month, seems to be trying to fly straight from the rudderless flight that had pushed the national airlines in the red.

It has got a new managing director, the first foreign chief executive Kevin John Steele, who has been trying all the tricks to change Biman.

First, Kevin is trying to make planes take off on time. The success is quite high, considering he has been in charge for less than a month.

In one week in April, 2012, on-time flight departure was only 27 percent. In the last week beginning April 14, 41 percent flights departed on time.

"This is a bit of an improvement, but this is still nothing like acceptable, nothing like major airlines, so I want to get this over 80 percent before the end of this year," Kevin says. "One big thing is the average delay has dropped a lot more. Last year, with no standby aircraft, we had some delays of over 12 hours."

Kevin has gone for simple solutions to bring about this improvement. He has kept the old DC-10 aircraft standby. In case any aircraft develops technical glitch,



Kevin John Steele

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Criminals torched the Buddha idol in Shakyamuni pagoda of Boalkhali in Chittagong after breaking into the monastery early yesterday. They burnt its robe but managed to make way with five smaller idols and the donation box. *Inset*, monks inspect the damage after a mysterious fire ravaged a pagoda in Patiya upazila.

PHOTO: STAR



## 2 Buddhist temples attacked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Mystery shrouds arson attacks on a Buddhist temple and an orphanage in the district's Patiya upazila, and looting and vandalism at another temple in Boalkhali upazila in the last three days.

The violence has sent shock waves through the Buddhists in the areas. It harks back to September last when two temples were vandalised in Kolagaon union of Patiya. Also that month, fanatics destroyed 18 Buddhist temples, monasteries and more than 50 houses in Ramu upazila in adjoining Cox's Bazar district.

On Saturday, a fire broke out at Dhatu Chaityya Bihar under Mukut

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## Sufferings on

*HSC exams rescheduled for hartal*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With another bout of a 36-hour countrywide shutdown beginning this morning, panic set in among people, especially the poor, harassed HSC examinees and commuters, due to pre-hartal violence in different parts of the capital.

Pro-hartal activists carried out acts of vandalism

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## Hamid's oath tomorrow

*BNP may boycott ceremony*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abdul Hamid will take oath as the country's 20th president tomorrow as he was declared elected unopposed yesterday.

Acting Speaker Shawkat Ali will administer the oath to Hamid at Bangabhaban Darbar Hall in the evening, sources said.

Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad declared the 69-year-old seasoned politician Hamid elected uncontested following scrutiny of his nomination papers filed on Sunday.



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## Son testifies on father's killing

*Says SQ Chy instructed Pak army to kill*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A martyr's son yesterday testified that Pakistani army had killed his father at the instruction of war crimes accused Salauddin Quader Chowdhury at their homestead in Rauzan upazila of Chittagong on April 14, 1971.

Paritosh Kumar Palit, son of Satish Chandra Palit, also told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 that they had left the country fearing for their lives after the killing.

Giving a heart-touching description of the fateful day, retired school-teacher Paritosh, who witnessed the killing hiding in a bush, said the Pakistani army had even burned his father's body in presence of Salauddin.

Sixty-nine-year-old Paritosh is the 28th prosecution witness in the case against the BNP lawmaker, who is facing 23 charges of crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War, 1971.

In the last part of his testimony, Paritosh identified Salauddin in the dock.



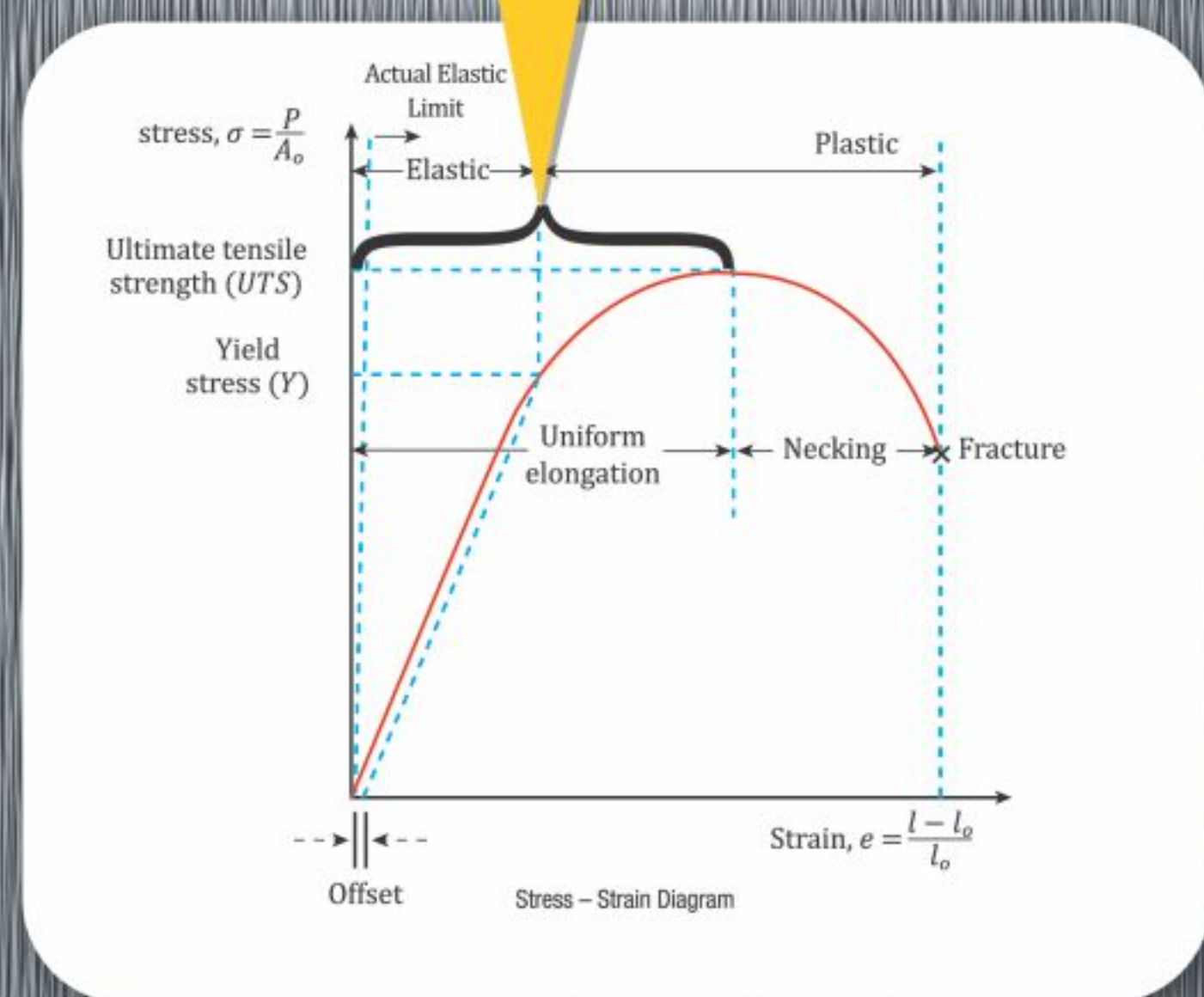
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## BANGABANDHU BRIDGE HC issues rule on govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to immediately stop overloaded vehicles crossing the Bangabandhu Bridge and demolish all illegal shops and structures built in the area in seven days.

In response to a news report, the court ordered two companies -- Shamim Enterprise Ltd and United Development Corporation of Bangladesh -- to explain in two weeks on what ground they have been collecting fees from vehicles parked at the "so-called" parking area prior

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## Rejoinder, our reply

Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA) has sent a rejoinder to our report headlined "Bangabandhu Bridge: Toll money gobbled up" published on April 20. Below we publish the full text of the rejoinder along with our reply.

We draw your kind attention to the news headline "Bangabandhu Bridge: Toll money gobbled up" published in your esteemed daily on Saturday, 20 April 2013. The Bangladesh Bridge Authority has found the news contrary to the

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim



Shazneen Tasnim Rahman

## SHAZNEEN'S 15<sup>TH</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY APRIL 23, 2013

Shazneen would have been 30 years old this year and well into her career and her own family. All the beauty of this world and all the excitements and challenges of life would have been hers. But instead of celebrating those momentous occasions of her growing up, we are coming before you once again to recall the cruel circumstances in which her life was cut short by the brutal and inhuman acts of a band of murderers.

By now you are aware how we, her immediate family, have borne this loss and how we have sought solace and strength from all of you who have prayed for her Departed Soul and who have stood by us in friendship, empathy and love all these long years.

We take this opportunity to thank every one of you who have shared our sorrows in your thoughts and actions and who have prayed for Shazneen's Eternal Peace. Our words of gratitude and thanks fall miserably short in expressing our true sense of indebtedness.

The day has returned to once again gather to pray to The Almighty to bestow His Blessings on our dearest Shazneen.

We invite you to join us at a Milad-Mehfil to be held on **Friday, April 26, 2013 after Asr (5:30pm)** at House No. NE(J)-4, Road 83, Gulshan - 2, Dhaka - 1212.

Latifur Rahman, Shahnaz Rahman and family

Tuesday, April 23, 2013